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Pittsburgh Opera Announces Children's Auditions for *The Grapes of Wrath*

Pittsburgh, PA (June 10, 2008) . . . Pittsburgh Opera announces open auditions for the roles of Ruthie, Winfield, and the Starving Boy for the upcoming production of *The Grapes of Wrath* by Ricky Ian Gordon and Michael Korie.

Auditions are by appointment only on Monday, June 23 from 5:30 – 8:00 PM at the Pittsburgh CLO Academy, 8th floor of Penn Avenue Place (formerly the Lazarus/Horne's Building).

Winfield is a boy between the ages of 6 and 10. Ruthie is a girl who should look between 8 and 12. The Starving Boy is a young, treble-voiced African-American.

These roles require good singing and acting ability; boys' voices must be unchanged.

Availability throughout the summer for periodic music rehearsals is required. Full company staging rehearsals begin October 20, 2008. Performances are November 15, 18, 21 & 23.

To receive a time slot and audition requirements, e-mail Iris Lin at ilin@pittsburghopera.org.

No phone calls, please.

Link to *The Grapes of Wrath* page:

<http://www.pittsburghopera.org/0809season/grapes.shtml>

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